

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 and 42-90 are pending.

Claims 1, 2, 17, 21, 22, 42 and 43, and 86-90, insofar as the claims are drawn to the elected species of invention, are currently under prosecution. Claims 4-16, 18-20 and 44-63 were withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention or species of invention.

Claim 1 is canceled.

Claims 2, 17, 21, 22, 42 and 43 are amended.

Amendments

Claims 2, 21, and 22 have been amended to more clearly describe the invention and do not add new matter. The present Amendment is being filed in accordance with discussions with the Examiner in telephonic interviews held on 8/29/05 and 9/9/05. The Applicants thank the Examiner for these discussions. Support for the amendments to claims 2, 21 and 22 is found throughout the application as filed, e.g., at paragraphs [0049] to [0051] of the published application, in the sequence listings, and in the original claims, particularly original claims 2, 21 and 22.

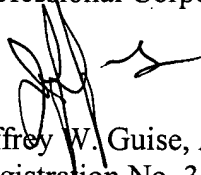
Claims 42 and 43 have been amended so as to no longer depend from canceled claim 1.

The amendments to the claims more specifically identify the substitutions in each of the CDRs and allow conservative substitutions of amino acids at specific positions within the CDRs. Because the amino acid substitutions are specified and the claims provide functional limitations, Applicants believe that the Examiner's rejection based on lack of written description has been overcome, as discussed in the Applicant's RCE and Amendment filed 7/18/05.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at 858.350.2307 with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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